

REMARKS

Claims 24 through 43 are pending, while claims 1 through 23 were originally cancelled in a Preliminary Amendment prejudice or disclaimed.

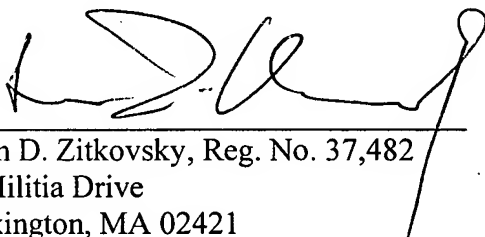
Pursuant to the Restriction Requirement mailed on February 18, 2004, Applicants elect Species B directed to the **non-latching valve**.

The non-latching valve is specifically recited in claim 30 (and dependent claims 31- 33) and claim 43. Claims 24, 25, 27, 28, 37, 3840, 41, and 42 are generic to both a latching valve and a non-latching valve. The above claims were pending in the priority US Application Ser. No. 10/037,473

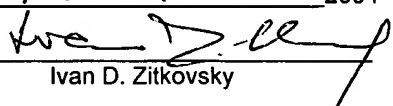
If the Examiner has any questions or believes telephone call will aid examination and advance prosecution of the application, he is respectfully invited to call to the undersigned representative.

If there are any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this amendment, please charge the fees to undersigned's Deposit Account No. **50-2196**.

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